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SPEECHES AT TURKMEN PARTY CONGRESS

Report by Auditing Commission Chairman Sukhanov

Ashkhabad TURKMENSKAYA ISKRA in Russian 17 Jan 81 p 5

[Report by Comrade Kh. N. Sukhanov, chairman of the auditing commission of the Turkmen Communist Party: "Report of the Turkmen Communist Party's Auditing Commission"]

[Text] Comrade delegates! In the accountability report of the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party, presented by Comrade M. G. Gapurov, first secretary of the Central Committee, provided an in-depth analysis of the work performed by the Central Committee, party committees and organizations to implement decisions coming out of the 25th CPSU Congress and the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of Turkmenistan.

All of us note with profound satisfaction the fact that the republic's workers have achieved considerable success in the building of communism. The report outlines our specific tasks for the continued improvement of party leadership of the republic's political, economic and cultural life, and indicates ways to successfully accomplish the economic and social program for the 11th Five-Year Plan.

Comrades! The auditing commission reports to the congress that there is greater organization, efficiency, precision and initiative in the day-to-day work of party committees and primary party organizations. Decisions adopted at plenums of the CPSU Central Committee and its decrees on party-political matters have contributed to this achievement. The decree passed by the CPSU Central Committee, "The Report of the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party on the Work Performed to Fulfill Decisions Coming Out of the 25th CPSU Congress," played an especially important role.

Members of the Auditing Commission of the Turkmen Communist Party took an active part in the work of the Central Committee and its plenums and in the implementation of decisions adopted by the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party.

Guided by the Rules of the CPSU, the Auditing Commission of the Turkmen Communist Party has systematically checked on the execution of the party budget, the

expenditure of approved allocations by party organizations, the observance of financial discipline and the payment of membership dues by the communists.

Steps have been taken to improve local auditing work. These matters have been thoroughly reviewed at special seminar-conferences of auditing commission chairmen. Members of the Auditing Commission of the Turkmen Communist Party have provided practical assistance to the auditing commissions of oblast, city and rayon party organizations, and have conducted joint inspections of the financial and management work of party obkoms, gorkoms and raykoms.

Reports on the checks and audits performed by the commission were discussed at meetings of the Bureau and the Secretariat, in CPSU sections, obkoms, gorkoms and raykoms. Proper steps were taken on the basis of these reports to eliminate shortcomings.

The auditing commission believes that finance-and-budget work has improved during the report period. The earned portion of the budget for the republic party organization was exceeded each year. It increased 42.9 percent during the report period. Party membership dues were our main source of money, and growth of party membership and increased earnings for the communists added 5.8 million rubles to receipts over the five years.

Party obkoms, gorkoms and raykoms have begun exercising greater control over the payment of membership dues. These matters were regularly discussed at meetings of the party committee bureaus.

There were instances in which certain communists were late in paying their membership dues, and the party organization secretaries accepted their dues without discussion at party meetings or meetings of the party bureaus.

Some secretaries of party organizations did not promptly deposit membership dues at savings banks. This occurred in the primary party organizations of Bakhardenskiy, Kizyl-Arvatskiy and Kalininskiy Rayons.

Party gorkoms and raykoms and primary party organizations in the republic must make a more determined effort to eliminate shortcomings and insure strict fulfillment of the requirements set forth in the CPSU Rules by every communist.

Taxes on profits from party publications make up the second largest source of income for the republic party organization, after party dues. These increased 167.8 percent during the report period. Last year the Publishing House for the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party published seven newspapers with a combined printing of 600,000 copies and five magazines with a total printing of 314,500 copies.

The Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party has devoted much attention to publishing operations and has expanded and improved the production base.

At the same time, we should point out the fact that the publishers are still not meeting schedules for the publication of newspapers and magazines and in some cases they have turned out inferior publications. The propaganda and agitation section, the Administration of Affairs of the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party and the Turkmen SSR's State Committee for Publishing Houses, Printing Plants and the Book Trade must step up their control and be more demanding in this matter.

Comrades, the Auditing Commission of the Communist Party of Turkmenistan states that funds both in the Central Committee and in the Republic Party Committees are being properly spent and that budget discipline is being strictly observed.

The Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party has devoted a great deal of attention to the training and advanced training of party cadres. Following the 25th CPSU Congress, advanced training for secretaries of primary party organizations was set up for the first time in republic courses. Necessary funds were allocated for this purpose.

Outlays for party propaganda, including funds for maintaining political education centers and offices and universities of Marxism-Leninism, took a large part of the party budget. The materials and equipment base for propaganda work was strengthened.

A considerable portion of the budget was allocated for capital construction. The five-year plan for capital construction and building repair was fulfilled. Eight party committee administrative buildings were built, and the planned quantity of housing completions was accomplished.

It must be pointed out, however, that the completion of a number of projects was delayed and that construction quality has not always measured up to modern demands. The Administration of Affairs of the Turkmen Communist Party Central Committee should be more demanding of the construction workers, exercise stricter control over the course of construction and see to it that all projects under construction are placed into use by the established target dates.

Comrade delegates! During the report period the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party received 19,639 letters containing statements and requests from the workers. A total of 6,538 visitors were received. In general, the workers raised issues of great importance and made comments and suggestions for improving the performance of various sectors of the economy, conserving materials and money, increasing the responsibility of responsible cadres at all levels for the observance of party and state discipline and improving party organization and ideological work, and pointed out shortcomings in the performance of individual organizations, enterprises and institutions.

In letters written to the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party and the editors of newspapers in connection with the national discussion of the CPSU Central Committee's draft plan, the republic's workers express fervent support of the party's policy, give their opinions on matters of concern to them and make specific suggestions reflecting their concern for the common cause.

Members of the auditing commission, together with workers in the Central Committee's General Department, have regularly monitored the handling of letters, complaints and statements and the receiving of workers at the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party, at party committees and republic ministries and departments. The results of their inspections have been reported to the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party and reviewed in Central Committee sections. The discussion on the handling of letters and statements and the receiving of workers, which took place at the 15th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party, was highly important to the continued improvement of all such work.

We are reviewing letters with greater thoroughness and operativeness and are being more demanding with respect to resolution of the issues brought up in them. The contents of 85 percent of the letters were reported to the Central Committee secretaries, and 33.5 percent of them were reviewed by Central Committee workers themselves.

The Auditing Commission of the Turkmen Communist Party has attached great importance to increasing control over the amount of time taken to review statements from the workers. In 1975, 42 such statements were not reviewed by the Central Committee apparatus within the established period of time. The number was reduced to eight in 1979, and in 1980 all of the statements were reviewed within the established time periods.

A total of 30 questions and general conclusions were brought up for discussion at the Bureau and the Secretariat of the Central Committee, based on a study of incoming letters.

Letters from the workers helped to find major shortcomings in the performance and the personal conduct of former first secretary of the Chardzhouskaya Oblast party committee B. Charyyev, rector of the Turkmen State Medical Institute Ch. Bayryyev, and others, who were severely punished by party procedure and relieved of their posts.

The thorough study of complaints about actions by certain administrative workers permitted us to bring out violation of socialist legality by them, and the guilty parties were brought to party accountability, and in a number of cases they were brought to criminal account as well.

Unfortunately, the authors of such letters, frequently very important and reflecting principles, remained anonymous. Almost a fourth of the letters received by the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party during the report period were unsigned. To a certain degree this is an indication that some collectives have still not created the necessary climate of criticism, preventive measures are not being taken in good time with respect to certain types of infractions, and the factors giving rise to them are not being eliminated.

It is the duty of every party, soviet and administrative leader to listen closely to signs of criticism and react promptly and efficiently to justified complaints and statements, bearing in mind that our whole style of work must be imbued with concern for the individual.

The auditing commission also feels it necessary to mention the fact that in some cases letters of a slanderous nature have been written about officials. The objective was to defame certain comrades, create tension on the job and settle personal accounts. An investigation of the situation and the state of affairs at the sites helped us to learn the identities of malicious, anonymous individuals who promoted the writing and the forwarding of slanderous letters. The guilty parties received fair punishment.

The auditing commission feels that it has a duty to point out to party committees the necessity of resisting slanderers and isolating them from honest people.

Comrades! Despite the fact that we have taken a number of major steps to rectify conditions, we are still receiving a large number of letters, complaints and statements from workers in cities of the republic, especially from Ashkhabad.

Most of the complaints had to do with the allocation of housing, the planning and provision of public services and amenities, the performance of repairs on apartments and deficiencies in the heat- and water-supply systems.

We are still receiving a large number of letters repeating complaints. This is sometimes the result of inadequate investigations.

The sensitive and careful handling of letters and statements is an extremely important area of party work. It is important to make certain that every single letter and every criticism is thoroughly reviewed and answered, and that those responsible for the shortcomings are held strictly accountable.

Comrades! The 26th Congress of the Leninist Communist Party of the Soviet Union will soon be held in Moscow, the capital of our homeland. It will have a profound effect upon the life of the party and the people. It will describe the new tasks for advancing our society toward communism at the contemporary stage and define ways and means of accomplishing these tasks.

We have no doubts that the communists and all of the republic's workers will take a most active part in the effort to successfully implement decisions coming out of the congress.

The Turkmen Communist Party and all of the republic's workers will continue to struggle selflessly to implement the general line of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and will make a fitting contribution to the practical realization of decisions adopted at the forthcoming 26th CPSU Congress and to the job of building communism in our nation!

Report by Credentials Commission Chairman Kharkov

Ashkhabad TURKMENSKAYA ISKRA in Russian 18 Jan 81 p 4

[Article by V. A. Kharkov, chairman of the Credentials Commission: "Report of the Credentials Commission for the 22d Congress of the Communist Party of Turkmenistan"]

[Text] Comrade delegates! The work performed by the republic party organization during the period just ended was thoroughly and extensively described by Comrade M. G. Gapurov, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkmenistan, in the Central Committee's accountability report to this congress. It described the prospects for further advancement and indicated ways of achieving the extremely important socioeconomic tasks for the period ahead.

The 22d Congress of the Turkmen Communist Party was of course preceded by a report-and-election campaign at all levels of the republic party organization. The reports and elections were carried out on a high ideological and political level, in an atmosphere of broad intraparty democracy, increased activity on the part of the communists and increased efficiency. They demonstrated with special force the indestructible unity and solidarity of the party ranks and the unanimous support and approval enjoyed by the CPSU's foreign and domestic policy and the practical work performed by the Central Committee and its Politburo headed Comrade L. I. Brezhnev, outstanding political figure and statesman of the modern era.

The report-and-election meetings in the primary party organizations and party conferences discussed and summed up the results of the work performed by each organization toward the fulfillment of decisions coming out of the 25th party congress and the decree passed by the CPSU Central Committee, "The Report of the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party on the Fulfillment of Decision of the 25th CPSU Congress," in light of requirements set forth at the July and October 1980 Plenums of the CPSU Central Committee and the speech delivered by Comrade L. I. Brezhnev at festivities in Alma-Ata. Participants in the party meetings and conferences studied and summarized the accumulation of worthwhile experience and defined our tasks for the future.

The draft plan of the CPSU Central Committee, "Basic Directions of Economic and Social Development for the Years 1981-1985 and Up to 1990," was approved in the course of its nationwide discussion. The communists and all of the republic's workers indicate their solid determination to implement party policies and achieve new successes under the 11th Five-Year Plan. The communists are in the forefront of the precongress socialist competition, inspiring the workers with their personal example to labor selflessly.

Comrades! The credentials commission reports with satisfaction that the elections of congress delegates were held in all of the party organizations in an atmosphere of total unity, in conformity with the procedure established by the 22d Plenum of the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party and the representation ratio set by it: 1 delegate for each 125 party members.

Delegates to the congress were elected at oblast party conferences. Communists in the party organizations of the Soviet Army and Navy, Border and Internal Troops, elected delegates for the forthcoming congress jointly with the oblast party organizations.

The Ashkhabadskaya Oblast party organization elected 226 delegates to the congress, Chardzhouskaya--160, Maryyskaya--140, Tashauzskaya--117 and Krasnovodskaya Oblast--112. All of the delegates received an absolute majority of the votes in the elections. A total of 755 delegates were elected to the 22d Congress of the Communist Party of Turkmenistan.

The credentials committee verified the credentials of all delegates and found those of 754 to be valid.

A total 473 delegates, or 62.7 percent, were elected for the first time. There were 751 delegates present at the congress, with 3 absent for valid reasons.

Delegates to the 22d congress represent more than 90,000 communists.

A considerable portion of the delegates to our congress--388 people, or 52 percent--are employed in material production. Almost 85 percent of them represent the working class or the kolkhoz peasantry. These are outstanding production workers and masters of good harvests, who fulfilled their plans under the 10th Five-Year Plan ahead of schedule.

Among the congress delegates were 53 workers in science, culture, the arts, education, public health and the press. They included 7 doctors and 21 candidates of sciences. These are representatives of our glorious intelligentsia, which is making a significant contribution to technological progress and to the republic's economic and cultural development, and are taking an active part in the communist indoctrination of the workers.

There were 102 party workers among the congress delegates, including 79 secretaries of party obkoms, gorkoms and raykoms. The delegates include 4 communists who are members of the CPSU Central Committee and 86 members of the Central Committee of the Turkmen Communist Party. A total of 287 delegates are members of party obkoms, gorkoms and raykoms or auditing commissions, and 52 are secretaries of primary and shop party organizations or party group organizers. The role of the soviets, trade uions and the Komsomol in the building of communism has grown considerably in recent years. A total of 140 soviet and 16 trade union and Komsomol workers are taking part in the congress. The delegates include 17 deputies of the USSR Supreme Soviet, 170 deputies of the Turkmen SSR Supreme Soviet and 247 members of local soviets of people's deputies.

The delegates include many talented production organizers, real masters at their work, who enjoy deserved prestige. A total of 152 managers, engineers and technicians, and agricultural specialists were elected to the congress.

Among the delegates are representatives of the Soviet Army and Navy, Border and Internal Troops. Today, in this time of peace, the army communists are setting examples in the combat and political training and standing vigilant guard over the creative work of the Soviet people and the conquests of socialism.

Comrades! Soviet women are making an enormous contribution to the building of communism!

Almost one-fourth of the members of the republic party organization are women. They are also fittingly represented at this congress. A total of 199, or 26.4 percent of the delegates are women, including 152 Turkmen women.

Comrades! The congress delegates typically have a high level of education. A toal of 92.6 percent of the delegates have a higher, an incomplete higher or a secondary education. Among the delegates are 138 engineers, 82 agronomists, 19 economists, 116 doctors and teachers.

Communists of 68 nationalities are members of the Turkmen Communist Party. A total of 481 Turkmen, 167 Russians, 38 Uzbeks, 23 Ukrainians, 8 Kazakhs and 37 members of other nationalities have been elected to the congress. The composition of the delegates clearly exemplifies the vital strength of the Leninist national policy consistently implemented by our party. Data on the composition of the delegates graphically describe the succession and the unity of the generations and attest our loyalty to the revolutionary traditions of our party.

A total of 10.7 percent of the delegates are below the age of 30, 67.7 percent are between 31 and 50 years of age, 18.3 percent are between 51 and 60, and 3.3 percent are over 60 years old.

The delegates have the following distribution with respect to length of party membership: Two delegates have been members of the party for more than 50 years, 4 delegates--between 41 and 50 years; 28 delegates joined the party during the Great Patriotic War, and 720 have become members since the war, including 285 who joined the party during the past 10 years.

Around 71 percent of the delegates have been awarded orders and medals of the Soviet Union for services to the homeland; 18 delegates have been awarded the grand title Hero of Socialist Labor, and 6 are holders of Lenin and State Prizes of the USSR and the Turkmen SSR.

Comrades! The 22d Congress of the Communist Party of Turkmenistan, reflecting the will and the hopes of the communists and all of the republic's workers, will adopt decisions which will equip the party organizations with a specific program of action. Its implementation will insure the continued economic and cultural development of Soviet Turkmenistan.

Speech by A. G. Babayev

Ashkhabad TURMENSKAYA ISKRA in Russian 19 Jan 81 p 4

[Speech by Comrade A. G. Babayev, president of the Academy of Sciences of the Turkmen SSR]

[Text] Comrades! In the Accountability Report to the 25th congress, Comrade L. I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, underscored the fact that "only with the accelerated development of science and technology can we accomplish the ultimate tasks of the social evolution and build a communist society." And today, as we sum up the results of the 10th Five-Year Plan, we can state with pride that during those years scientific institutions of the Academy of Sciences of the Turkmen SSR achieved definite success in the resolution of the main problems, those upon which advancement in the area of economics, culture and science itself in the republic depend to the greatest degree.

While devoting a great deal of attention to basic research, the Academy of Sciences of the Turkmen SSR has adopted a course of developing primarily those areas in which it occupies leading positions in the Soviet Union and the Central Asian region or may assume such positions in the future. This course has justified itself in our experience. Our research into the theoretical and practical principles for the development of desert areas is now highly acknowledged not only in our nation but also abroad. Since 1978 the Institute for Desert Studies has conducted international courses in this field, under the auspices of the United Nations, for representatives of the developing nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America. We have presently initiated in-depth research into the development of the scientific principles for using solar energy in the national economy. The creation of the Institute of Solar Energy, the first in the republic, is confirmation of this.

A considerable amount of work has also been performed in the area of the social sciences. Important scientific works have been produced on history, economics, philology, philosophy, law and other subjects. During the years of the 10th Five-Year Plan 85 assignments were performed for the State Committee for Science and Technology of the USSR, which is twice the number for the Ninth Five-Year Plan. A total of 125 scientific and technological recommendations were submitted for adoption in production, with an anticipated annual economic effect of more than 20 million rubles. Projects totaling around 6 million rubles were performed under economic agreements, compared with 3 million rubles for the initial 10th Five-Year Plan.

Academy insitutions are presently taking part in the development of 10 All-Union programs, working on 6 regional problems for Central Asia and Kazakhstan, and taking part in 6 international programs and projects for CEMA, UNESCO and UNEP.

By taking advantage of the expertise of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR and the Siberian Department of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR and using it to improve the scientific-organizational work of the Academy of Sciences of the Turkmen SSR, we have been able to take what we believe to be a new step

forward in the work of making the scientific research more effective and improving our ties with production by setting up large-scale, comprehensive research projects under special programs. Studies have now been defined and will be initiated under 11 comprehensive programs aimed at resolving the most important regional problems.

Comrades! Although our Academy of Sciences has certain achievements to its credit, there are still considerable shortcomings in its work. The critical comments made about our scientists in the accountability report by Comrade M. G. Gapurov are fully justified.

One of the weak spots in the work of the Academy of Sciences of the Turkmen SSR lies in the fact that we are not using our scientific capability with adequate singleness of purpose. We are still doing a poor job of organizing the use of inventions for which inventor's certificates have been issued. It should be noted that the poor material and technological foundation is to a certain degree retarding the work of making scientific research more effective in the Turkmen SSR Academy of Sciences. A planned volume of capital construction is very small, but only 31 percent of it was accomplished during the five-year period.

The 11th Five-Year Plan has already been launched. It poses new tasks for our people and our scientists. Science has perhaps never before been assigned such a role as it is expected to play now.

The draft plan of the CPSU Central Committee for the 26th CPSU Congress stresses the need to further improve the effectiveness of scientific research, considerably reduce the amount of time involved in introducing scientific and technological achievements into production, improve coordination in the activities of scientific institutions and enhance the links between basic and applied research and production. In order to accomplish this we will need to unite the efforts not only of the scientists but of all the participants in public production. "Production--for science" should obviously be added as an important integral part of the appeal "science--for production."

In addition to the academy institutions, the republic has dozens of other scientific institutions and VUZ collectives, which are engaged in scientific research in accordance with their branch plans. Departmental disassociation frequently gives rise to parallelism and duplication of scientific projects, while we fail to fulfill plans for the introduction of scientific achievements into production year after year. These matters could be brought up to the level of modern requirements by the Coordinating Council of the Turkmen SSR Academy of Sciences and volunteer councils on special problems.

It is our opinion that the creation of a state, republic agency with proper legal, financial and administrative authority could do a great deal to resolve these problems. This is especially needed now, when the party is directing us to establish comprehensive studies under special programs and to thoroughly strengthen the alliance between science and production.

Permit me to assure this party congress that the republic's scientists will continue to spare none of their efforts, knowledge or know-how to successfully accomplish the tasks facing them and will make a worthy contribution to the building of communism in our nation.

Speech by G. A. Zgerskiy

Ashkhabad TURMENSKAYA ISKRA in Russian 20 Jan 81 p 4

[Speech by G. A. Zgerskiy, chief of the Red Banner Central Asian Border District]

[Text] Comrades! Our district personnel are already well aware of the achievements of Turkmenistan's workers in sociopolitical, economic and cultural development. We are proud of the successes and share your happiness in them. The Soviet border troops have the same life and the same thoughts as those of their people, their entire nation. They have no desires other than to greet the 26th CPSU Congress with worthy deeds.

The border troop's service is a great and honored duty. It is difficult and carries great responsibility. It demands great skill, stamina and courage, persistence and composure, and infinite devotion to the party and the people—all of the best qualities bequeathed us by knight of the revolution F. E. Dzerzhinskiy, which are developed by the party and by our Soviet way of life.

The conditions under which we guard the borders have changed considerably today. The organization of the border guard and the service of the border troop are not the same. The border is now outfitted with modern equipment and weapons.

Soviet Turkmenistan is a rich republic, a region of glorious revolutionary traditions. The state border here is hundreds of kilometers long. It is vigilantly and reliably guarded by the fighting men of our district.

The republic's workers have always considered it an extremely important obligation to help the border troops perform the functions assigned to them. In whatever sector of the southern border we find ourselves, we always have many loyal friends prepared to come to our assistance at any time. We recall with a feeling of profound respect those who have given us active assistance over a period of many years, sometimes in difficult circumstances, and helped to create the traditional friendship which exists between the local population and the border troops. The widespread movement with the slogan "The Border of the USSR is Guarded by All the Soviet People!" clearly reflects our common interest in the reliability and stability of the guard over our homeland's boundaries.

Volunteer people's squads made up of kolkhoz workers and members of the intelligentsia play a large role in this important matter. Members of DND [volunteer people's squads] have helped to arrest a considerable number of violators of borders and border regulations. In 1980 alone 11 members of volunteer people's squads were awarded the medal "For Distinction in Guarding the State Border of the USSR," 280 people received valuable gifts, 520 were awarded certificates, and 36 were awarded "Outstanding Border Troop" badges.

Contacts are being developed on a working level between district commanders and political sections and local party, soviet and Komsomol organs, and joint steps have been taken to step up organizational-political work among the DND's and the local border population, and to improve conditions for the soldiers.

We have successes to our credit, we have something to be proud of. We express our profound gratitude to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkmenistan and to the republic government for the active and effective assistance which we constantly receive as we perform the tasks involved in guarding the border.

District personnel have responded to this paternal concern with increased vigilance and combat readiness, training successes, increased political activeness and a high level of order and organization in the units and subunits.

Comrades! Peace is being dangerously tested now in one spot on the planet, now in another. The origins of these "hot spots" are well known. Reactionary groups are devoting special attention to the Middle East, where revolutionary events in Afghanistan and Iran have frustrated plans of the United States to establish itself in this area for a long time to come. Military preparations in the area are accompanied by increased "psychological warfare" against the USSR and the other socialist nations. The propaganda machine of the West and Beijing is striving intensely to create an absolutely distorted, hostile concept of Soviet foreign policy, to create an ideological screen for imperialism's aggressive actions.

Because of the complicated, tense international situation, the district border troops are constantly aware of their personal responsibility for maintaining strict state order on the border. The Soviet border troop is an ideologically convinced fighter for the just cause of Lenin, capable of getting his bearings in any situation, under any circumstances, an individual with firmly defined attitudes toward life and his own ideals, one prepared to staunchly defend our homeland.

District personnel are filled with the desire to add to their successes, to steadily improve their professional skill and to selflessly fulfill their military duty to the homeland

Speaking for the district communists, I assure the highest forum of the republic party organization that the border troops will greet the 26th congress of their own Communist Party in a fitting manner and insure the state security of the nation on its southern borders.

Speech by T. Kurbanov

Ashkhabad TURKMENSKAYA ISKRA in Russian 20 Jan 81 p 2

[Speech by T. Kurbanov, chairman of the board of the Writers Union of the Turkmen SSR]

[Text] Comrades! The achievements of our people have been described so clearly, so convincingly today in this hall, from this great platform, that a grand

panorama of labor feats by cotton growers and gas producers, livestock raisers and irrigators, all those who with their selfless labor are adding to the glory of our multinational Soviet homeland, has opened up before our eyes.

And who, if not we writers, painters, theater and movie workers, we who are exploring new levels of life, new characteristic features of the spiritual presence of our contemporary--who, if not we are to help millions of readers, viewers and listeners to see the great accomplishments of the people with the same clarity and vividness?

"To intrude into the practical life of the people, to help them understand the meaning of this life and the direction of its flow, to help them make this life better, more proper, brighter and richer not only materially but spiritually as well--what could be more important or more noble"? Our artistic intelligentsia accept these words of L. I. Brezhnev as a description of our main task. The duty and the conscience of the artist are leading us to successfully carry it out.

Our creative intelligentsia have worked productively, strengthening their ties with life and with the labor collectives. Today, Turkmenistan's writers, painters, sculptors, musicians, actors and movie industry workers have something worth reporting to the party congress. Dozens of books by our writers have been published in Ashkhabad and Moscow and in the fraternal republics. Numerous exhibits here and outside the republic have demonstrated the growth in the skill of our artists. Films by Turkmen moviemakers are enjoying success in many of the nation's cities and abroad. Many works by our composers, directors and actors have gained widespread fame.

The national recognition of achievements by workers in literature and art is demonstrated by the fact that the State Prize of the Turkmen SSR imeni Makhtumkuli has been awarded to prose writer Tirkish Dzhumagel'dyyev, literary critic Udegel'dy Abdullayev, artist Mamed Mamedov and composer Chary Nurymov. A number of talented young writers, artists and actors have been awarded prizes by the national and republic Komsomol. Many members of the creative intelligentsia have been awarded honorary titles.

A fine tradition has developed, whereby workers in literature and art visit the cotton growers, gas producers and construction workers, whose selfless, truly heroic labor is a constant source of creative inspiration for each of us. In the apt words of Comrade L. I. Brezhnev, "it is an invigorating process of enrichment of the art with knowledge of life and, on the other hand, a continuing process of bringing cultural treasures within the reach of the millions-strong masses of workers."

The party regards literature and art as an extremely important ideological means of communist indoctrination of the workers. And we are constantly aware of the party's concern and its wise, guiding force, and we check with the party on each move we make. All of the republic's creative unions and cultural institutions are operating according to plans compiled in light of the decrees passed by the CPSU Central Committee, "On Criticism in Literature and Art," "On the Work

Performed With the Creative Youth," "On Providing Cultural Services for the Rural Population," and "On Improving Ideological, Political and Indoctrinational Work," decisions adopted at the 25th CPSU Congress and Central Committee Plenums, and program addresses by Comrade L. I. Brezhnev. These plans are concrete, diverse and substantive, and their fulfillment is producing visible results.

We have someone from whom we can learn. In the trilogy produced by Comrade L. I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, "Malaya zemlya" [The Little Land], "Vozrozhdeniye" [The Rebirth] and "Tselina" [The Virging Lands], for which he was awarded the Lenin Prize, the man of today, the communist, the carrier of our Soviet morals is depicted on a grand scale, profoundly--truly full-blown.

We need positive characters in our art, people we would like to emulate. We do not have to invent them--our reality itself brings out such heroes: Stand alongside them, study them, look into their rich spiritual world--and your success will be insured. It is the honored and constant task of literature and art to create vivid images of our contemporaries. To do this, however, our creative unions must constantly concern themselves with improving the ideological level and the professional skill of works of literature and art.

The principle of proletarian internationalism is contained in the very nature of Soviet literature and art. Narrowly national interests and motives are alien to us. We are happy to translate the books of our colleagues in fraternal republics, to stage their plays, to show their films and perform their musical compositions, exactly as they, in turn, willingly acquaint their readers and viewers with the works of Turkmen masters of creative art.

The Soviet Literature Days held in Turkmenistan with the theme "Soviet Writers--To the 26th CPSU Congress," the drama festival of the republics of Central Asia and Kazakhstan, regional conferences and other activities have become rich celebrations of friendship and fraternity.

Such activities have a great deal to offer the creative youth, to whom the future of our culture belongs. And our youth are growing up talented and with great promise, and they account for a good half of our creative intelligentsia today. The youth take a creative approach to things. They have high ideals and are anxious not just to learn from the recognized masters but to surpass them.

The literary process and the development of art in Turkmenistan have diverse and rich forms and are occurring in a climate of close, serious fellowship among all of the generations. Far from all of the requirements brought out by the course of this development are being met, however. The number of writers is growing by the year, but the publishers and printers are still facing into the distant past. Books sometimes lie in the publishing house for years on end, and music notes are hardly published at all. Theaters, cultural centers, clubs, libraries and art centers are being built too slowly. All of this requires a certain amount of effort on the part of all of us.

Comrades! Our people have entered the 11th Five-Year Plan. It will undoubtedly result in another big step forward toward the creation of a communist society. Decisions coming out of the 22d Congress of the Turkmen Communist Party and the historic documents of the upcoming 26th CPSU Congress will define our specific goals and tasks. I would like to assure you, comrade delegates, from this grand platform that the Turkmen writers, artists, composers, actors and producers, for whom there is no greater honor than to be with our own party and our people, will put all their efforts and all their talent into implementing the great plans and designs. The workers in literature and art, who are aware of the party's constant paternal assistance and attention, will make a fitting contribution to the common national cause--the building of communism.

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SPEECHES AT 1981 ARMENIAN PARTY CONGRESS

Auditing Commission Chairman G.A. Pakhlevanyan

Yerevan KOMMUNIST in Russian 24 Jan 81 p 2

[Text] Comrade Delegates! Like all of the Soviet people, the workers of Soviet Armenia, in a posture of vast political and social progress, are preparing to welcome the 26th CPSU Congress.

The Communists of Soviet Armenia have adopted as an operational program the October (1980) CPSU Central Committee Plenum decisions and the CPSU Central Committee 26th Party Congress draft plan of "Basic Directions of the Economic and Social Development of the USSR for the 1981-1985 Period and for the Period up to 1990."

The fruitful work of the CPSU Central Committee and its Politburo and of CPSU Central Committee General Secretary Comrade Leonid Il'ich Brezhnev personally, work aimed at further strengthening the economic and defensive might of our motherland, is enjoying the full support and warm approval of every communist and all the workers of our republic.

We listened very attentively to the report of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia as delivered by Armenian Communist Party Central Committee Chairman Comrade K. S. Demirchyan. In this speech, with profound scientific acumen, lofty party principles and high party standards he analyzed the great and multifaceted work of the Central Committee and the republic party organizations for implementation of the decisions of the 25th CPSU Congress and the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia. He also delineated the tasks of the republic party organization for the 11th Five-Year Plan.

During the period under review the Auditing Commission of the Communist Party of Armenia carried out concrete work aimed at strengthening the party organizations, escalating party discipline, and accomplishing the tasks assigned to the party organizations by the 26th Congress of the Armenian Communist Party. All the members of the Auditing Commission took an active part in the work of the commission and in fulfillment of the measures ratified by the plans.

The principal attention of the commission has been focused on the organization of checks on fulfillment of the party budget, on the correctness of the expenditure of the funds allocated by the party budget for the upkeep of the party organs and institutions, on their observance of budgetary and financial discipline, on the status of the payment of membership dues by the Communists, on the status of the routing and review of workers' letters, depositions and complaints received in the party organs, etc.

The Auditing Commission has maintained a close relationship with the Central Auditing Commission of the CPSU and with the auditing commissions of the city and rayon party organizations. It has also given practical assistance to the local party organs in the fulfillment of the tasks assigned to them. Convened in the period under review were 10 sittings of the Auditing Commission and three republic meetings of the chairmen of the auditing commissions of the city and rayon party organizations. At these meetings the participants, by way of sharing of experience, discussed subjects pertaining to the status of the work in the party organs and they assigned tasks stemming from the decisions of the CPSU Central Committee and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia.

During the year the members of the Auditing Commission twice checked the fulfillment of the party budget of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia. It should be noted that the financial and administrative work of the Central Committee has been considerably improved. Also checked were the financial and administrative work of the party publishing house, the political education house, the regular courses and the correspondence school department courses of the VPSh [Higher Party School], and the work of the branch of the Institute of History of the CPSU. The results of the checks carried out were summarized in the appropriate documents and reports, which were submitted to the executives of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia.

During the years under review the Auditing Commission of the Communist Party of Armenia and the city and rayon auditing commissions carried out concrete work for strengthening control in the matter of punctual payment of party membership dues by the Communists. The inspections showed that in most cases the membership dues are being paid punctually and correctly, as prescribed by the CPSU regulations. At the same time shortcomings are still in evidence in the party organizations' work for the collection and payment of party membership dues. The largest number of underpayments was found in the party organizations of Sovetskiy, Spandaryanskiy Yerevan and in Aboyanskiy, Aparanskiy, Gukasyanskiy and Tumanyanskiy rayons. This resulted from the lack of dependable control on the part of the pertinent auditing commissions and from a slackening of the standards applied to the party organizations and the Communists.

A number of primary party organizations are doing a careless and inaccurate job of compiling the lists for the payment of party membership dues and are tardy in submitting the reports on payment of dues.

During the period under review the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia and the party gorkoms and raykoms carried out concrete work for the correct and economical expenditure of the approved allotments. The administration of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia regularly checks on fulfillment of the party budget in the party organizations and gives them the

necessary assistance in this work. During the period from 1976-1980 there was a yearly increase in the expenditure part of the party budget, the part pertaining to the upkeep of the party organs, to implementation of the party political and organizational measures, to advanced training of party personnel, to maincenance of the buildings of the local organs, and to construction of new buildings and housing for the party workers.

Comprising an important item of expenditures in the party budget are the appropriations for capital construction. A great deal of work has been done for the construction, capital repair and improvement of the quarters of the city and rayon party committees. Buildings have been erected and put into operation for the Razdanskiy, Sisianskiy, Gutarskiy and Idzhevanskiy party raykoms.

Construction has been completed for a new republic political education center--the Palace imeni Stepan Shaumyan, a building for the publishing house of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia, and other installations.

During the year under review the Auditing Commission of the Communist Party of Armenia and the auditing commissions of the city and rayon party organizations regularly checked the status of party administration in the primary party organizations. It should be said that definite positive changes can be seen in the conduct of party business, in the accounting, and in the safeguarding of party documents. However, in some party organizations there are still instances of loss of party documents by communists. One of the reasons for the carelessness in respect to party administration and the safeguarding of party cards is the inadequate orientation work with new party members and candidates when they are issued party cards.

Occupying a crucial place in the work of the Auditing Commission are matters pertaining to further improvement of the work of reviewing the letters, depositions and complaints of the workers in the apparatus of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia, the party gorkoms and raykoms, the primary party organizations, and the publishing house of the party newspapers and journals.

The surveys carried out revealed that in recent years there has been a significant improvement in the organization of enrollment of citizens and in the procedure for reviewing the letters, depositions and complaints of the workers in the Central Committee apparatus. There is an efficient filing system for incoming correspondence, accurate records are kept for the registration and enrollment of citizens, and control has been established for prompt review of letters from workers. This work has in many respects been furthered by the discussion at the plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia on "The status of and measures for further improvement of the work connected with workers' letters and with the organization of enrollment of citizens in the party, soviet and other organizations of the republic in light of the decisions of the 25th CPSU Congress." Also furthering the work was the fundamental and self-critical discussion in the party organizations concerning the documents of the Committee of Party Control under the CPSU Central Committee

In the past five years the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia has received more than 110,000 letters and depositions. Also in evidence was a trend toward a considerable yearly decline in the number of these. The Auditing

Commission believes that one of the main reasons for the decline in the number of letters and depositions is the significant improvement in the work pertaining to the letters in the city and rayon primary party organizations, the ispolkoms of the city and rayon soviets of people's deputies, and the ministries, departments, and other institutions of the republic. The prompt and objective response of the local organizations to the justifiable complaints of the workers is, of course, eliminating the need for appeals to the higher organizations in matters which should and can be resolved locally.

The Auditing Commission of the Communist Party of Armenia notes that the reception of visitors to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia has been efficiently organized. It should be mentioned that the general division of the Central Committee, the divisions of organizational party work, science and educational institutions, and the administration have all established an expedient procedure for reviewing the workers' letters and complaints. There has been a drastic change in the character and content of the mail coming in to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia and to the city and rayon committees of the Communist Party of Armenia. In many of the letters the communists express their approval of the domestic and foreign policy of the Central Committee of our party and its Politburo and they take note of the great personal contribution made by Comrade Leonid Il'ich Brezhnev to the consolidation of the economic and defensive might of our motherland.

Despite the positive aspects observed in the work pertaining to the letters and complaints, some of the republic party committees have to deal with a superficial and stilted attitude toward the task of fulfilling the party directives on prompt review of workers' letters and depositions and efficient organization of the enrollment of citizens. Not all the party organizations of the republic are carrying out in-depth analysis of the causes which gave rise to the complaints and they are not everywhere taking concrete measures for elimination of these causes. Further improvement of the mode and methods of the work in connection with letters, enhancement of the organization of enrollment of citizens, and strict adherence to the Leninist principles in these matters--all this must comprise the most important part of the work of all the party committees.

Comrade delegates! The Communist Party of Armenia has come to its 27th Congress with complete solidarity of its ranks and with strengthened ideals. Allow me to voice my confidence that the Communists and all the workers of Soviet Armenia are rallying even more closely around the Leninist CPSU Central Committee and the Central Committee Politburo headed by CPSU Central Committee General Secretary Comrade L. I. Brezhnev. By their selfless labor they are marking each day of the 11th Five-Year Plan and demonstrating how they will always be in the ranks of the right-flank fighters in the nationwide struggle for the triumph of communism. (Applause).

Credentials Commission Chairman M.B. Arzumanyan

Yerevan KOMMUNIST in Russian 24 Jan 81 p 3

[Text] Comrade Delegates

We have all been greatly impressed by the review report of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia as delivered by Central Committee First Secretary Comrade Demirchyan Karen Seropovich.

On a high level of party principle the review report of the Central Committee made a profound analysis of the republic's party organizations' work for fulfillment of the historic decisions of the 25th CPSU Congress and the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia. The report gave a comprehensive summary and multifaceted delineation of the Central Committee activity during the year and it defined the qualitatively new problems which are to be resolved in the 11th Five-Year Plan. It mapped out a concrete program of activities for the republic party organization in the 1980's.

The Credentials Commission reports that the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia was convened on the dates prescribed by the CPSU regulations. The higher forum of Communists was preceded by reports and elections in all the party links, which functioned on a high ideological, organizational and political level in the context of the increasing activity of the Communists, efficiency and creative analysis of the work done, and critical evaluations of the results achieved for implementation of the social and economic program of the 10th Five-Year Plan. The report and elections campaign became a new and striking manifestation of the growing strength of the unity and solidarity of the party ranks rallying around the CPSU Central Committee and the Central Committee Politburo headed by the true inheritor of the mantle of the great Lenin and tireless fighter for peace and the happiness of the people, CPSU Central Committee General Secretary Comrade Brezhnev Leonid Il'ich.

Comrades!

The Credentials Commission checked the credentials of the delegates and reports to the Congress that they have all been elected in the city and rayon party conferences by closed (secret) ballot in full accord with the CPSU regulations and the CPSU Central Committee directives on "The Conduct of Elections of the Executives of the Party Organs" and in accordance with the norm of representation established by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia: one delegate representing 180 CPSU members. Communists who are on the rolls in the party organizations of the Soviet Army border and internal troops are elected according to the same principle.

Of the delegates 570 Communists or 64.8 percent were elected delegates for the first time.

The Credentials Commission checked the credentials of all the delegates and found them valid. All the city and rayon party organizations are represented in the Congress.

The largest representative delegations at the higher party forum of the republic are the delegations of the Leninskiy Rayon party organization, which comprises 71 delegates, the Spandaryanskiy rayon--61 delegates, the Rayon imeni 26 Komissarov--60 delegates, the Myasnikyanskiy Rayon party organization, which is represented by 53 delegates, and the Shaumyanskiy--51 delegates, the Leninakan city party organization with 50 delegates and the Kirovakan 34 delegates. From the rural rayons the party organizations of Echmiadzinskiy Rayon have 23 delegates and Abovyanskiy Rayon 22 delegates. Also represented are the Kaafanskiy, Oktemberyanskiy and Razdanskiy rayons, whose party organizations each have 21 delegates.

The Communist Party of Armenia combines in its ranks the advance guard of the working class and kolkhoz peasantry as well as the worthy intelligentsia of the republic. All of these groups are fully represented in the composition of the delegates to the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia.

Among the delegates a leading place is rightfully assigned to the representatives of the working class and the kolkhoz peasantry; they comprise about 40 percent of the total number of delegates.

We note with satisfaction that among our congress delegates are a senior official of the scientific production association Nairit, Hero of Socialist Labor and deputy to the Supreme Soviet of USSR Suren Petrosyan; Zlobinskiy brigade leader of the Yerpromstroy [Yerevan Industrial Construction Trust] and holder of the Order of Lenin and of the October Revolution, deputy to the Supreme Soviet of Armenian SSR Grisha Markaryan; weaver of the Leninakan Cotton Production Association, holder of the Order of Labor Red Banner and laureate of the Armenian SSR State Prize, deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the republic Klavdiya Sarkisyan; and many other representatives of the working class.

Here too are the chief agronomist of a kolkhoz in the village of Akhavnatun, Echmiadzinskiy Rayon Hero of Socialist Labor, holder of the Orders of Lenin and of the Labor Red Banner, and deputy to the Supreme Soviet of Armenian SSR Roza Avakyan; brigade leader of a tractor brigade of a kolkhoz in the village of Areg, Talinskiy Rayon, holder of two Orders of Lenin and the Order of the Labor Red Banner Ashot Nikoyan; link leader of a mechanized link of a kolkhoz in the village of Brnakot, Sisianskiy Rayon and holder of the Orders of Lenin and of the October Revolution Ararat Khachatryan; and many other workers of the orchards, fields and farms, who battled the natural calamities which occurred last spring and the very severe summer drought with great organizational expertise and discipline. By their selfless labor they did honor to each year of the 10th Five-Year Plan and they lent their confident leadership to the struggle for accomplishment of the party's rural agrarion policy. Along with the workers of the republic, for four years in succession they won the challenge banner of the CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Council of Ministers, the AUCCTU, and the Komsomol Central Committee.

The Credentials Commission reports that as delegates to the congress there were elected 351 right-flank soldiers of the 10th Five-Year Plan and workers and kolkhoz farmers who performed a labor feat in the struggle for accomplishment of the assignments of the 10th Five-Year Plan. Of these 298 had fulfilled their personal assignments of the 10th Five-Year Plan ahead of schedule, 122 reported completion of the Five-Year Plan in 4.5 years, 94 in four years, and on the work

calendar of 25 delegates the 1986 reading had begun. On the chests of 267 of the delegates there glittered the badge "Shock Worker of the 10th Five-Year Plan," 331 are participating in the movement for communist labor including 274 who were awarded the rank of shock worker of communist labor, and 232 delegates are master tutors who are familiarizing the young replenishment with the heights of vocational expertise.

The party, soviet, trade-union and Komsomol workers enjoy the high confidence and respect of the Communists and the people's masses.

Elected as delegates to the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia were 127 party workers and competent and skillful organizers of workers.

The Congress delegates are taking an active part in the social and political life of the labor collectives. Of their number 159 are secretaries of primary and shop party organizations and group organizers, who are in the advance guard of the workers' struggle for implementation of the party's social and economic policy.

Of the delegates to the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia 133 soviet workers obtained credentials, 366 are representatives from local soviets of people's deputies, and 192 are deputies from the Supreme Soviet of USSR and the Supreme Soviet of Armenian SSR. And this is quite natural because the adoption of the new USSR Constitution give considerable impetus to the activity of the soviets of people's deputies in respect to the management of state, economic, social and cultural construction. The councils of people's deputies are today keeping in view virtually all the vitally important sectors of our society.

The period of the 10th Five-Year Plan saw a considerable escalation of the role of the trade unions in the social life of the republic. They have become genuine schools for the organization of socialist competition and for the indoctrination of the workers in the spirit of a communist attitude toward labor. The delegates of our congress represent 14 workers' trade unions.

Also a dependable reserve and active assistant of the republic party organization was and is the Armenian Leninist Communist Union of Youth. Young Communists were elected leaders of many Komsomol organizations and 19 of them are delegates to our congress..

Among the delegates are 99 economic managers--directors of industrial enterprises, associations, construction projects and sovkhozes, and chairmen of kolkhozes. This is evidence of the growing prestige of production organizers in the republic party organization.

The Communists of the republic have a profound respect for the 93 war veterans among the delegates--approximately one of every nine participants in the Congress. In the terrible years of the Great Patriotic War, along with thousands and thousands of splendid sons and daughters of our country, they vindicated and defended with honor the achievements of the Great October. Many of them were awarded high government decorations for the courage and heroism they exhibited in the battles for the motherland.

Occupying a deserving place among the Congress delegates are the outstanding workers of combat and political training who vigilantly guard the borders of our motherland in the name of the peaceful and constructive labor of the Soviet people.

Selflessly working in all the sectors of communist construction on a level with the men are our magnificent women--workers of Soviet Armenia. From among them 255 of the best daughters of the republic were elected delegates to the Congress. They include right-flank workers of industrial and agricultural production, writers and artists, teachers and physicians, and party, soviet, trade-union and Komsomol workers.

Comrade delegates!

The high educational and cultural level of the Soviet people is one of the great social achievements of the Communist Party and it is graphically reflected in the data on the education of the delegates to our Congress. Of the total number of delegates 58.5 percent have a higher education and 38.6 percent incomplete higher and secondary education.

Elected delegates to the Congress were 13 academicians and corresponding members of the Academy of Sciences of USSR and Armenian SSR and 40 doctors and 71 candidates of sciences.

The remarkable detachment of scholarly delegates at the Congress is headed by the distinguished astrophysicist of the present day, two-time Hero of Socialist Labor, and deputy to the Supreme Soviet USSR Viktor Amazaspovich Ambartsumyan.

Among the delegates 53 individuals are laureates of the USSR and Armenian SSR State Prize; they include 15 workers and kolkhoz farmers. Taking part in the work of the Congress are representatives of 10 of our country's nationalities and ethnic groups. Among them are Armenians, Russians, Ukrainians, Azerbaijanians, Belorussians, Kurds, Greeks, Assyrians and others. The multinational composition of the Congress delegates is an eloquent confirmation of the wisdom of the Leninist national policy and convincing proof of the fact that the Communist Party was and is the embodiment of the indissoluble brotherly friendship of all the Soviet peoples.

With respect to duration of party membership, the delegates have the following distribution. In our Congress the generation of fighters for the establishment of Soviet power in the Transcaucasus is represented by Hero of Socialist Labor, Academician Artashes Karinyan, a CPSU member since 1907 and an active participant in the Baku Commune.

Twenty-five of the Congress delegates enrolled in the party during the Civil War, 66 during the Great Patriotic War, and 788 Congress delegates joined the party in the postwar period; of the latter 222 Communists enrolled in the last 10 years.

One-fifth of the Congress delegates were born in the postwar years, 5.6 percent of the total number of delegates are in the 36-40 age groups, 33.9 percent are from 41 to 50, 32.9 percent from 51 to 60, and 7.6 percent over 60.

The participation in the work of the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia by both the people who have gone through a rich life experience and by the young Communists is a manifestation of the continuity of the generations in the republic party organization and of the Armenian Communist Party's loyalty to the revolutionary, combat and labor traditions of the CPSU.

For their services to the motherland 68.2 percent of the total number of delegates were awarded USSR orders and medals and 20 individuals were honored with the high ranks of Hero of the Soviet Union and Hero of Socialist Labor.

Comrades! The composition of the Congress delegates is convincing proof of the fact that in the period under review the Communist Party of Armenia became even stronger organizationally and was imbued with the resolve to mobilize the efforts of the communists and all the workers of the republic in the struggle for accomplishment of the majestic tasks assigned to us by the 26th CPSU Congress. (Applause.)

K.S. Demirchyan Closing Speech

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[Text] Comrade Delegates!

The work of our Congress is drawing to a close.

The Congress has devoted extensive and comprehensive discussion to the report of the Central Committee, the review report of the Auditing Commission of the Communist Party of Armenia, and the CPSU Central Committee report to the 26th Party Congress on the draft plan for "The Basic Directions of the Economic and Social Development of the USSR in the 1981-1985 Period and in the Period up to 1990." The Congress adopted the appropriate resolutions.

All the rich content of the work of the Congress, the important documents produced by it, the clear-cut political trend, the businesslike and constructive character of the delegates' speeches, and the entire situation predominating here in this hall--all this fully justifies our saying that the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia was conducted on a high ideological political level.

The Congress delegates who spoke in the debates--the gorkom and raykom secretaries, the executives of ministries, departments and public organizations, the representatives of the working class, the kolkhoz peasantry, the intelligentsia, the younger generation, and the army communists--worked on a high level of efficiency and principle to accomplish a profound and conscientious analysis of the activity of the Central Committee, the local party committees, and the soviet and administration organs. They made an objective evaluation of the successes achieved, took note of the difficulties, shortcomings and unresolved problems, and made valuable suggestions with respect to many of the questions connected with further economic and social development of the republic.

When summarizing the results of the work of the Congress it is first of all necessary to note that it was a new and very clear manifestation of the monolithic solidarity of the Communists, all the workers, and all the people of Soviet Armenia

rallying around their own Communist Party of the Soviet Union; a manifestation also of their approval and unanimous support of its domestic and foreign policy, and of the political party line and practical activity of the CPSU Central Committee and the Central Committee Politburo headed by the true heir of the mantle of Lenin, the distinguished political and state figure of the present day, Comrade Leonid Il'ich Brezhnev. (Prolonged applause.)

Our Congress became a genuine spokesman for the staunch loyalty of the Armenian people to the pure ideals of the socialist motherland, Soviet patriotism and internationalism, the friendship and brotherhood of the peoples, and their feelings of profound respect and love for the great Russian nation and all the brother nations of the Country of the Soviets under the wise leadership of the Communist Party, which is traveling the tried and tested Leninist path to communism. (Applause.)

The Congress--and this is its most important contribution--oriented the republic's party organization for the all-round strengthening of the organizational, ideological and political education work, for the successful fulfillment of the great tasks for further development of economics, science and culture, for enhancement of the workers' welfare, and for implementation of the magnificent constructive program of the 11th Five-Year Plan. The Congress fully and distinctly emphasized the need for further improvement of management and operation and increased party, state and labor discipline; also the need for constant attention to improvement of the living conditions of the people and a concerned regard for their needs and demands.

We note with satisfaction the fact that our Congress has successfully accomplished its party and political task. It has once again demonstrated the unity and solidarity of our party ranks and it has clearly shown the predominance in our party organization of an atmosphere of true party mutual understanding, friendly and collective work, high standards and principles, a feeling of responsibility for the assigned task, and adherence to the Leninist norms of party life and management principles. (Applause.)

The 26th Congress of the Communist Party of Armenia has been an important event in the social and political life of the republic. Its work during these days riveted the attention of the labor collectives of the industrial enterprises, the kolkhozes and sovkhozes, the scientific institutions and educational establishments, and all of our community. The workers of Soviet Armenia marked our Congress with excellent endeavors, high indicators in labor, and new achievements. Proof of this is evidenced by the flow of reports, telegrams and greetings coming in to the Congress from the labor collectives.

There is no doubt that the new Central Committee and all the party organizations and committees of the republic will profit from the rich experience acquired during the period under review and that by their purposeful political and organizational work they will do everything possible to promote the further stepping up of the political and labor activity of the workers and to direct their efforts, will and energy to implementation of the great program of creative advance which will be approved by the 26th Congress of our Leninist Communist Party of the Soviet Union. (Prolonged applause.)

Glory to our great Leninist Party, which is leading the Soviet people to communism! (Loud and prolonged applause.)

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